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In re the Application of: **YABU, Takayuki et al.**

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For. **DISCHARGE ELECTRODES CONNECTING STRUCTURE FOR LASER APPARATUS AND LASER APPARATUS THEREWITH**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: October 2, 2002

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Entry is hereby requested of the amendments to claims 1 and 2 previously filed July 31, 2002 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.